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Facilitation of exchange through advice on harmonised wine regulations in the Western Balkans

Project Overview

The regional project includes the countries/territories Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia. Facilitation of exchange through advice on harmonized wine regulations in the Western Balkans is a project commissioned by the German Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food (BMEL) and implemented by the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South Eastern Europe (SWG RRD) and GFA Consulting Group GmbH. The international consultancy/expertise will be provided by IAK Agrar Consulting Ltd in consortium with Hochschule Geisenheim University.

Objective

The overall aim of the project is to provide support to the Western Balkan countries/territories in their efforts to align the wine regulations in their countries with EU regulations and with regulations within the Western Balkan countries.

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Commissioned by	Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Germany (BMEL)
Project region	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia
Lead executing agency	The Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South Eastern Europe (SWG)
Duration	01.11.2018 – 30.10.2021

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

Approach

One of the main objectives of the project is to contribute to strengthening the economic and political relationships of the Western Balkan region as well as relations with the EU. In all partner countries/territories, wine production is an important sub-sector for the rural economy and employment. Through advice on harmonizing wine regulation and aligning to EU standards, the project is helping to improve the quality and marketing opportunities for local wine.

Expected results:

- Identifying priority topics and core issues for harmonization of wine regulations between the Ministries of Agriculture from the WBs;
- Developing knowledge to strengthen the process towards aligning the national laws to EU regulations in the Ministries of Agriculture from the WBs;
- Capacity building on regulatory aspects and their implementation for the representatives of the Ministries of Agriculture and wine industry (producers, processors and traders, research institutes, associations, etc.) in the Western Balkans;
- Establishment of a sustainable exchange mechanism on wine regulations between the countries/territories of the Western Balkan.

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